

**In the Specification**

Please amend the Specification beginning at Line 11 on Page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 3 illustrates an alternative embodiment of a protective sleeve that may be used with the present invention;

FIGURE 4 illustrates another alternative embodiment of a protective sleeve that may be used with the present invention.

Please amend the Specification beginning at Line 29 on Page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Protective sleeve 30 comprises a plurality of fins 32. Fins 32 may be omitted without departing from the scope of the invention. In this embodiment, protective sleeve 30 may be used with a foundation 12 that is constructed of concrete. The use of protective sleeve 30 in such an embodiment may be accomplished by sinking the end of protective sleeve 30 into the concrete in foundation 12 before the concrete has set. In such an embodiment, after bolts 14 have been placed in the concrete 12, protective sleeve 30 may pass over the protruding end of the bolt 14 and protective sleeve 30 may itself be sunk into the concrete. Fins 32 (where included) may provide added stability to protective sleeve 30 and may facilitate insertion of protective sleeve 30 into the concrete of foundation 12.

FIGURE 4 illustrates another alternative embodiment of a protective sleeve 40 that may be used with the present invention. In this embodiment, protective sleeve 40 comprises a generally tubular structure with a plurality of segments 42. As described above, in such embodiments, multiple tubular segments 42 may prevent at least portion of the bolt from contacting the sidewall of the opening and the sill plate.